

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows. This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the applications:

Listing of Claims:

1 – 273. (canceled)

274. (currently amended) A method of ~~producing a recombinantly expressed protein that specifically binds human TNF~~, comprising the steps of:

- (a) culturing a host cell comprising a polynucleotide, wherein the polynucleotide encodes a protein consisting of:
 - (i) the extracellular region of an insoluble human TNF receptor, wherein the insoluble human TNF receptor has an apparent molecular weight of about 75 kilodaltons as determined on a non-reducing SDS-polyacrylamide gel and comprises the amino acid sequence LPAQVAFXPYAPEPGSTC (SEQ ID NO: 10), and
 - (ii) all of the domains of the constant region of a human IgG immunoglobulin heavy chain other than the first domain of said constant region, and
- (b) purifying ~~an expression product of the polynucleotide the recombinantly expressed protein~~ from the cell mass or the culture medium.

275. (previously presented) The method of claim 274, wherein the host cell is a CHO cell.

276. (previously presented) The method of claim 274, wherein the IgG heavy chain is an IgG₁ heavy chain.

277. (previously presented) A polynucleotide encoding a protein consisting of:

- (a) the extracellular region of an insoluble human TNF receptor,

wherein the insoluble human TNF receptor (i) has an apparent molecular weight of about 75 kilodaltons as determined on a non-reducing SDS-polyacrylamide gel and (ii) comprises the amino acid sequence LPAQVAFXPYAPEPGSTC (SEQ ID NO: 10), and

(b) all of the domains of the constant region of a human IgG₁ immunoglobulin heavy chain other than the first domain of said constant region.

278. (previously presented) A vector comprising the polynucleotide of claim 277.

279. (previously presented) A mammalian host cell comprising the polynucleotide of claim 277.

280. (currently amended) A method ~~of producing a recombinantly expressed protein~~, comprising the steps of:

- (a) culturing a host cell comprising a polynucleotide, wherein the polynucleotide encodes a protein consisting of:
 - (i) the extracellular region of an insoluble human TNF receptor, wherein the insoluble human TNF receptor comprises the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:27 and
 - (ii) all of the domains of the constant region of a human IgG immunoglobulin heavy chain other than the first domain of said constant region, and
- (b) purifying ~~an expression product of the polynucleotide the recombinantly expressed protein~~ from the cell mass or the culture medium.

281. (previously presented) The method of claim 280, wherein the human IgG immunoglobulin heavy chain is an IgG₁ heavy chain.

282. (previously presented) The method of claim 280, wherein the host cell is a CHO cell.

283. (previously presented) The method of claim 281, wherein the host cell is a CHO cell.